

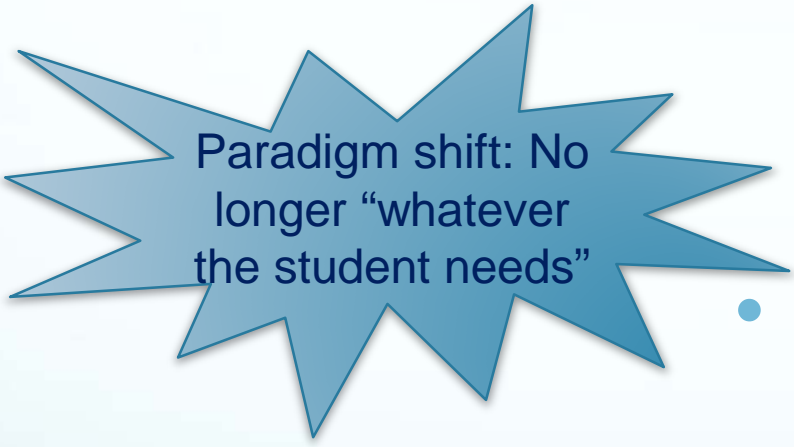


# Multi-State Alternate Assessment Features & Accommodations



# Assessment Features and Accommodations

- Are embedded into each item
- *Test Administration Directions* provide guidance on accommodations for item and provided to all students (Assessment Accommodations must still be identified and used routinely during instruction)
- Test Administrator will enter student accommodations MSAA Assessment System **before and after** the tests are administered
- Allowable Accommodations are addressed in *Test Administration Manual* and training modules



Paradigm shift: No longer “whatever the student needs”

# MSAA Assessment Features

- Available to all students who participate in the MSAA.
- Some are embedded in the online system.
  - Students and teachers can try embedded features using the sample items. (MSAA Assessment System site)
- Some assessment features are provided by the Test Administrator (TA)
- Some features are available via the browser or operating system.
- Some are embedded in the design of the test.



# CONNECTIONS . . .



Accommodations:

SCRIBE

- The Test Administrator is allowed to write what the student dictates

Transcription

- The Test Administrator is allowed to indicate a student's provided response



# Features

## Embedded

- Answer masking
- Audio player
- Alternate color themes
- Line reader tool
- *Magnification\**

## Test Administrator Provided

- Answer masking (paper versions)
- Read aloud
- Rereading item directions, response options, passages

## Browser

- Increase size of text and graphics
- Increase volume

## Operating System

- Alternate color themes
- Increase size of text and graphics
- Increase volume

# MSAA Accommodations

- Accommodations for the MSAA that need to be included in the IEP:
  - Assistive Technology for presentation of items to students
  - Assistive Technology for student response to items
  - Paper version of items
  - Scribe/Transcription
  - Sign Language (e.g. ASL, PSE, SEE)

# Assistive Technology (AT)

- Students may use a variety of AT devices to input responses for both:
  - Selected responses
  - Text based open responses
- Compatible AT Types
  - Text-to speech
  - Alternate keyboards
  - Switch-based navigation and answer selection
  - Eye-gaze
- Testing AT Devices
  - Test devices using the sample items to determine if a device will function properly with the assessment.

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